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Manager V. A. Klisin and art director L. L. Kristiansen of the Ural State Theater, leading 85 members of the theater, also arrived at Budapest.

SPEAKERS ATTACK ANGLO-AMERICAN IMPERIALISM -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 19 Feb 52

On 18 February, a gala performance was held at the Budapest Opera House. Jozsef Darvas, Minister of Education, was the principal Hungarian speaker. He emphasized that the mutual assistance pact between the USSR and Hungary ensures forever the freedom and independence of the Hungarian people.

He continued: The Hungarians are in the camp of peace-loving nations who are defending the freedom of the peoples against the imperialist beasts. Due to the generous help of the USSR, the Hungarians have never been so strong during their whole history as today. According to the West, Hungarian culture is under the influence of the USSR. This is not true: Hungary's culture has never been more original and pure than now. The imperialists do not tolerate the culture of small peoples, because it stands in the way of their conquest. For the imperialists, a small nation is an exotic place on which they wish to dump their "cultural" contraband. On the other hand, the Soviet civilization helps the Hungarian people, and it is rapidly becoming an integral part of Hungary's cultural life.

K. I. Skryabin, head of the Soviet cultural delegation, pointed out that the Anglo-American imperialists are increasing their armaments program and thus are heading toward an economic collapse. In the meantime, he said, the Soviet people are carrying out in practice a huge program resulting in the creation of the basis for material-technical Communism.

His speech continued: Peoples of the Soviet Union are engaged in peaceful creative work, but, at the same time, are watching with great alertness the machinations of the capitalists, and are ready to defend their Socialist homeland against the aggressors. The Hungarian-Soviet Society deserves great credit for its pioneering work. Due to its activity, tens of thousands of persons are studying the Russian language in Hungary, thus furthering the close cultural relations between the two countries.

OPEN RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE COURSES IN BUDAPEST -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 19 Feb 52

To commemorate Hungarian-Soviet Friendship Month, 56 Russian-language courses, sponsored by the Hungarian government, were opened in Budapest.

SOVIET CULTURAL DELEGATE VISITS KECSKEMET PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVE -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 22 Feb 52

K. I. Skryabin paid a visit to the "Dossa" producers' cooperative at Kecskemet. He stated that Soviet experts are anxious to share their experience and knowledge with Hungarian agriculturists. After his return to Budapest, Skryabin visited the National Institute for Public Health, while M. A. Bukin, Soviet machine station director, participated in a conference held at the Ministry of Agriculture.

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